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Dear Neal,

Again my apologies if I've confused the spelling of your name with that of two cousins.

I write to inform and to ask a favor.

Those I call the House Assassins Committee do not love me. They have disliked my exposures of them and their preconceptions they have tried to make appear credible and their inability to put down any of my work. In the latter I am alone. Where their work is not unfactual they have no more than what I did and brought to light before them. You can take this quite literally. So they, Stokes in particular, have not responded to my request for copies of their published stuff. I have asked my Member, Mrs. Byron, to get me the hearings and reports and have no response after a long time. If you can do this for me I'd appreciate it. I can't afford to buy them at the GPO.

In the past six months I'vem made about six college appearances. Surprisingly enough for the first time most have been on the King assassination. I've put the honoraria to a use that is part of what I want to tell you about so the Congressman may know.

My only regular income is Social Security. But when I had this supplement to it I again sought and this time found a student who wanted part-time work. So instead of using this money as a reserve for a medical need I may now be facing or a hoped-for older old age (I'm now 66) I've had this student putting my files in shape and she has done very well.

As of now I have obtained more than 200,000 pages of once-secret records relating to the King and JFK assassination, more than 50,000 on King. As I read them I make copies for subject files so that when the time is propitious or for historical purposes what I have seen in them will be available. I have preserved the records I obtain exactly as I get them for the future.

Most of the records have nothing to do with either the crimes or a real investigation of them. But incidental to the substitute for real investigation there is much very good information. Most of this is from the FBI. (However, the CIA had a Hooverite interest in Dr. King on which they are stonewalling me in court.) These records leave no doubt that the crimes were not committed as the FBI claims they were, in both cases, very clearly in the King case.

Obtaining these records is a more than full-time occupation. Once I was taken ill I decided that getting the stuff and having it available was the most important thing for me to do with the knowledge I have. However, again particularly with the King case, it is possible for others to pick up and carry it on and I thing solve that terrible crime.

Incidental to this I have obtained quite a story of the FBI's Cointelpro activities with ordinary blacks and white friends, thousands of pages of it. I have arranged for it to be a central presentation at next year's Southern Historical Association convention and for copies of the actual records to be there and to be available. When the copying is done for this scholarly use I am having a second copy made that I can take around when I have an appearance before a black college group so those ~~mmmmm~~ schools can make copies and keep them if they want to.

This will cost more than paying the GPO for the committee's hearings.(The committee followed up on little of this and then merely to debunk Mark Lane.) I hope you agree that it is a better use of my limited resources. So also is paying the student to get and keep the underlying records in shape. ...If you have the time, perhaps you would like to come up and take a look. ...Thanks for anything you can do. Best wishes, Harold Weisberg